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Incidentally, the Great New York Times - Line is playing it "cool".*

Novel, Author Mark Lane Tangle In Confrontation Here

Gordon Novel, wanted as a material witness in the New Orleans investigation of the Kennedy assassination, Sunday called author Mark Lane a Leftist.

"He is so far to the left, one more step and he'll fall off the diving board into a pool of Red water," said Novel when asked by newsmen for an assessment of the "Rush To Judgment" author.

NOVEL'S Columbus, attorney, Jerry Weiner, said the former New Orleans nightclub operator accused Lane of being a Leftist in 17 questions handed to the author during an hour-long confrontation in his office.

Lane met with newsmen after the confrontation between the two critics of Kennedy assassination investigations.

NOVEL HAS termed the New Orleans probe by Dist. Atty. Jim Garrison a "witch hunt" and Lane attacked the Warren Commission report in his book.

The confrontation between Novel and Lane was in Weiner's private office. The only witnesses were the attorney and Dayton Daily News reporter Robert Endicott.

LANE walked out of office when Novel handed him the questions, Weiner said. The meeting was arranged by Endicott at the request of Lane.

The questions were in the form of a proposed lie detector test for Lane, Novel said. Weiner said they were prepared without his knowledge.

Lane, attacked a lie detector test taken by Novel at McClean, Va., as being "a rigged test" at his news conference. It was held immediately after the meeting in order to give the author time to make a speech at Denison University, Granville.

LANE SAID Novel "hedged on questions" he answered during the test and that

he "wasn't telling very much."

"Novel has a responsibility to go to New Orleans and testify," said Lane. "It would help clear this up. Garrison has information which leads him to believe that Novel is involved."

Novel said he intended to return to New Orleans "in the near future."

"I predict the whole investigation will be over by June 15," he said. "Garrison is caught in a trap and there's going to be a big upheaval."

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